

## 82 DEAD, MANY HURT IN SOUTHERN STORM

Texan and Oklahoma Towns  
Wiped Out and Property  
Damage Is Large.

### HOMES FALL ON VICTIMS

Stricken Districts Cut Off as  
Wires Drop—Roadways  
Are Impassable.

DALLAS, Tex., April 9.—One of the worst storms in years swept over North Texas and Southern Oklahoma last night, leaving in its wake eighty-two deaths, hundreds of injured persons and property damage which will amount to many thousands of dollars, according to incomplete reports received here.

Twenty-eight of the known dead were white persons.

The storm came up from the Rio Grande Valley with a high wind and heavy rain, gaining force until it tore through the northern tier of Texas counties with the destructiveness of a tornado.

The course of the storm was erratic. At times it leaped a mile or more, skipping one farmstead only to demolish the next one. None of the larger cities were in its path.

Most of those killed were caught under their falling homes and buried. The heavy rainfall at once extinguished the numerous fires that started when houses were overturned.

The town of Canaan was completely wiped out. Its cotton gin, church, school and cotton warehouse containing much of last year's crop and its sixteen houses were swept to the ground.

At Minola the storm struck with extreme severity. Three white women and eight negroes were killed and many others received such serious injuries that their deaths are expected.

Much damage was done to the prospective fruit crops in many sections.

Telephone and telegraph wires were put out of service and it was not until today that full reports of the extent of the storm began reaching the outside world. The rain made the Texas roads impassable.

Shaw E. Ray, postmaster at Winnebago, has sent word of fifteen deaths in that community. He said that in addition to the fifteen he estimated dead, those badly injured would number more than one hundred.

### WEEKS VIEWS COAT IN WILKINS HOME

Counsel Says It Was Worn by  
Stranger Murder Night.

Charles N. Wyson, counsel for Dr. Walter K. Wilkins, led a party consisting of District Attorney Weeks, Dr. Otto Shultz, Mrs. Shultz and County Detective Plant to the Wilkins home at Long Beach yesterday to examine a coat found in the garage. The interest displayed both by Mr. Wyson and the prosecutor in the garment gave it the air of being one of the most important pieces of evidence yet found.

Mr. Wyson asserts that the coat was worn by one of the men whom Dr. Wilkins says he saw on the night of the murder. In the pockets were found a box of cigarettes with a revenue stamp dated August 5, 1909, and burned cigarette stubs and cigars of the same brand as those found in the stairs in the Wilkins home at the time of the murder. Dr. Wilkins says that he found the coat when he returned home that night and hung it in an upper room.

After instructing Detective Plant to put his initials on the lining in order to insure its presentation as an exhibit, Mr. Wyson turned it over to District Attorney Weeks. The defense has been informed by Detective Meyer of the Burns agency that the coat belonged to Leon Kraus, a stenographer of Dr. Wilkins, who died about 1902. The defense contends that the coat shows evidence of having recently been worn and from Mr. Wyson's pronounced interest in it it was believed that he regarded it as particularly valuable to the case.

The garment is described as a brown melton, single breasted, with three buttons, one of which is missing. One of the members of the party tried it on and it was evident that it was large enough to be worn by any of the men described by Dr. Wilkins.

### LIPTON IS DINNER GUEST.

Atlantic Yacht Club Has Annual  
Gathering at Yale Club.

Sir Thomas Lipton was the guest of honor last night at the annual dinner of the Atlantic Yacht Club in the Yale Club. About 100 members were present, and each member brought a guest and possible future member of the club as a feature of the organization's membership drive which is now in progress.

Besides Sir Thomas Lipton, the speakers included Judge Barclay S. Wood, toastmaster, and Howard S. Borden, commodore of the club and head of the New Jersey State Guard. A cablegram was received from the Yacht Association of England, with headquarters on the Isle of Wight, asking the club to join in an international conference to arrange new rules for the world's yacht races. The cable proposed that Germany be excluded from this conference.

### EX-HOUSE CLERK IS ACCUSED AS FORGER

Warrant Issued for W. S.  
Leib of Pottsville, Pa.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 9.—William S. Leib, Attorney-General, to-night announced that a warrant had been issued for William S. Leib of Pottsville, former resident clerk of the House of Representatives, on a charge of forgery. Mr. Leib is said to have forged receipts of State taxes purported to be signed by the accounting officers of the State. As his act in this respect affects the integrity of official documents of the State it was only proper that proceedings be taken by the State. So far as any charges affecting him which grew out of anything that he may have done respecting individuals, they are for the individuals concerned to proceed with if they so desire.

The warrant for Leib was issued by Magistrate O'Brien of Philadelphia, and was given to State policemen to serve. It is not known here whether it has been served.

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## HAMMERSTEIN ASKS FOR AN INJUNCTION

Would Cancel Pledge to Pay  
Daughters \$200 Weekly.

Oscar Hammerstein appeared yesterday before Justice Mullan in the equity division of the Supreme Court, and, aided by his attorneys, Edward Lauterbach and Frank Moss, argued for an hour in an effort to obtain an injunction pending the trial of the Equitable Trust Company to prevent it from selling 3,998 shares in the Hammerstein Amusement Company.

It developed that when Mrs. Malvina Hammerstein was suing the insurance for a divorce, he agreed to pay her \$200 a week as long as she lived and promised that after she died he would divide the \$200 a week between his daughters, Stella and Rose, as long as they lived. The stock was turned over to the Equitable Trust Company as a guarantee that the agreement would be carried out.

After Mrs. Hammerstein died, the payments ceased and his daughters sought to enforce the agreement. The trust company then threatened to sell the stock it held unless the daughters were paid. Hammerstein now seeks to have the agreement cancelled, as he says it was made without consideration, and that his wife was at present as well provided for as he is.

"It will be different," remarked Mr. Hammerstein, "after I resume giving opera at the Manhattan Opera House as the Metropolitan expires in February. Of course I shall give opera again, and then I shall make money."

A week in which the briefs was given both sides by Justice Mullan.

### AMERICAN LEGION TO PICK DELEGATES

N. Y. State Will Send 86 to  
St. Louis.

Major Cornelius W. Wickham, chairman of the New York State Committee of the American Legion, announced yesterday the plan of representation for the State at the convention of veterans to be held in St. Louis on May 8. Major Wickham recently returned from France, where he served as Chief of Staff of the Twenty-seventh Division. He issued the following statement:

"In order that all parts of the State may be represented district committees are being organized which will convene district caucuses. Under the call issued yesterday New York will send eighty-six delegates and a similar number of alternates to St. Louis. It is expected that more than one half of those selected will be enlisted men."

"The American Legion is non-partisan and non-political and will continue the associations formed among the men who served the country during the war and the spirit of service which they have shown. It is an organization of men who served, irrespective of rank."

Major Gen. John P. O'Ryan is chairman of the New York Committee and among the other members are Brig. Gen. Charles I. Delzer, Col. Henry L. Stimpson, Col. William J. Donahue, Lieut.-Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Lieut.-Col. Robert Bacon, Col. Charles B. Whittlesey, Lieut.-Col. Leslie Kirkland, Lieut.-Col. Charles Clark, Major Wickham, Chaplain Francis Kelley of Albany and Ensign William G. McAdoo, Jr.

### GRIP SHOWS INCREASE AGAIN.

Pneumonia Also Gains—Deaths  
for Both Diseases Less.

Forty-two new cases of influenza were reported yesterday to the Health Department, more than on Tuesday. Deaths from the disease were thirteen, a decrease of four under Tuesday's figure.

Pneumonia cases reported yesterday totaled thirty-four, two more than Tuesday, and pneumonia deaths thirty-two, a decrease of twenty under Tuesday's total.

New cases of influenza and pneumonia reported yesterday in the city were:

Influenza, Pneumonia.  
Manhattan ..... 24 16  
Brooklyn ..... 12 10  
Bronx ..... 12 8  
Queens ..... 9 7  
Richmond ..... 1 1  
Totals ..... 68 52

### 5 HELD IN BAIL MOTOR CAR THEFTS

Atlantic City Garage Owners  
Refuse to Plead.

ATLANTIC CITY, April 9.—With the arrest of Jeremiah Martin, Secretary of the Atlantic City Garage Owners Association, five other men were held in bail today for the theft of a motor car from the Boardwalk Garage here, and their night manager, Winfield Thomas, the county authorities here believe they are in a position to learn all the activities of a gang which has stolen between seventy-five and 100 automobiles, valued at more than \$150,000, from the Boardwalk parking places within the last two or three months. According to the police, the Boardwalk Garage was used to change the appearance of the machines, and from there they were sent to New York and other cities to be sold.

County Prosecutor Edmond Gaskill, who is now in Philadelphia, is understood to have received more information about the gang by Florence Duke, a twenty-year-old girl, who has been sentenced to twelve years in prison for her part in the indictments against them.

Most of the stolen cars belonged to residents of Atlantic City and to visitors who had parked them along the Boardwalk while they attended theatres. Some of the machines belonging to people out of town were sold here in Atlantic City, and were even advertised in Atlantic City newspapers. The cars were usually sold for one-half to one-third their original cost.

W. S. Sales \$2,350,772.

Announcement was made yesterday at War Savings Headquarters, 120 Broadway, that \$550,137.92 worth of War Savings Stamps were sold in Greater New York during the month of March, 1919. This brings the total sale of War Savings Stamps since January 1 to \$2,350,772.18.

Acting under instructions from me, Capt. Pitcher, the Deputy Superintendent of State Police, has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of William S. Leib on a charge of having forged receipts of State taxes purported to be signed by the accounting officers of the State. As his act in this respect affects the integrity of official documents of the State it was only proper that proceedings be taken by the State. So far as any charges affecting him which grew out of anything that he may have done respecting individuals, they are for the individuals concerned to proceed with if they so desire.

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## STRIKE IS DELAYED BY B. R. T. WORKERS

Union Makes Desperate Efforts  
to Get Power House  
Men Into Organization.

The B. R. T. strike will not be ordered to-day or to-morrow, but a walk-out of the 8,000 motormen, conductors, guards and shopmen before Monday would not surprise those of the 5,000 men and women who belong to the Amalgamated Association of Electric Railway Employees of America.

One thing is preventing the strike, although neither the union leaders nor the officials of the B. R. T. will admit it. That is the big force of workers in the power house. The power house yesterday was the focal point toward which both sides bent their efforts. The union organizers went to great lengths to induce the men in the power house of the B. R. T. to join their organization, and well they might, for they realize that with the power house in operation their fight will be hopeless as the strikes on the system in former years.

On the other hand, with the power house out, no number of strikebreakers imported by the B. R. T. or returned soldiers hired will be of any avail.

The men on the cars were restive yesterday. All of them expected a strike call would be forthcoming during the day. The committee empowered to call the strike seemed in no hurry to rush the cars, however, and met in the Hotel Continental with the organizers of the Amalgamated Association, without shaping any definite plan.

If a strike is called the men who will handle it are Patrick J. O'Brien of Detroit, vice-president of the Amalgamated Association; William Collins, State organizer of the American Federation of Labor; and Thomas F. Shine, a New England official of the carmen's union.

Mr. Garrison was not in town yesterday and the union committee made no effort to see him at the B. R. T. offices or at his private office in Broad street. Officials of the company do not expect a strike and consequently have made no preparations against the time when 75 per cent of the employees may walk out. In some manner they gained the impression from the strike vote of the union employees that the National War Labor Board would be appealed to be forced a strike actually is declared, and the delay would give them time.

No recommendation from the National War Labor Board could dissuade Mr. Garrison from his opposition to the Amalgamated Association. He holds that the organizers from that union are pernicious agitators, who have not the interest of the employees at heart, but only the strengthening of their national organization. His position as an appointee of the Federal court places the strike in a peculiar position and empties him from the abuse that is heaped on the other officials of the company.

The union committee discovered this yesterday when they sought the aid of Mayor Hylan in settling the dispute. The Mayor urged them to exhaust all possible means of preventing a strike, and promised to do what he could to have Judge Garrison receive the committee which has been trying to negotiate with him.

"Of course," said the Mayor, "you know that Mr. Garrison is the receiver of the court and I cannot and will not do anything that can be construed as interference with the court."

The Mayor said he would write to Mr. Garrison, and would inform the committee of the receiver's reply. He told the union representative that the only way to settle the dispute was in a peaceful manner, and they answered that it is not the intention of the union to strike unless there was no other means of securing their demands.

These three committeemen, Willer, Reilly and Koppenman, insisted that they were not representatives of the union, but of the employees. Mr. Garrison says he will not deal with them nor any of the other representatives of the Amalgamated Association as employees, on the ground that they are really agents of the Amalgamated, for there are a few thousand other employees of the company who have had no voice in making the demands or selecting men to represent them in conference with the receiver.

Manhattan transit would not be affected by a strike on the B. R. T. except for the Broadway subway, running from Rector street to Times Square, and the subway from the Municipal Building over the Manhattan Bridge.

1,800 MEN STRIKE IN MONTREAL.

The Power Company's Employees  
Threaten to Paralyze City.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

MONTREAL, April 9.—Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company's employees to the number of 1,800 went on strike to-day, after a protracted conference in which the management, while expressing itself willing to negotiate with the men individually, steadfastly refused to recognize the recently formed union. At their mass meeting the employees brought out many instances of what appeared to be under payment.

The strikers threaten to deprive the city of its gas and electric service. If they are successful the city will be in darkness, tramways stop running, newspapers cease publishing and motors of most large industries stop. As about one-third of the employees remained at work, however, the company says it will be able to keep up the service.

GOVERNOR ASKED TO ACT.

Relatives of B. R. T. Wreck Victims  
Send Appeal.

A slam at Nassau county justice was taken yesterday by the Passengers' Protective Association, an organization composed of relatives and friends of those killed in the Malbone tunnel wreck, in a letter to Gov. Smith asking for a special message to urge the passage of a bill to prohibit County Judges from practicing.

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The letter was sent on information obtained by Miss Lillian Murphy that the bill is likely to die in committee.

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Worldwide Welfare Campaign  
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Dr. Holt advocated, among other things, the education of prospective parents, the care of mothers during the prenatal period, the careful obstetrical attention and special efforts toward protecting the health of the child from birth to school age.

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The county officials officially separated the Bingham and the Flieger property valuations as follows: Bingham, \$27,711,694; Flieger, \$29,608,256.

In the final estimate by the supervisors, the Flieger interests, separated from the Bingham interests, are valued at \$4,515,966.

The fight of Kentucky to collect taxes on this large sum from the heirs, which include several New Yorkers, will come up soon. The administrators of the estate assert that Mr. Flieger put many millions into Florida property and that they are still there, but that their value is greatly over-estimated. Flieger was living collected in Florida to support this contention.

## SOUND TOWBOAT MEN TO CONTINUE STRIKE

Refuse Compromise Proposal—  
Delahanty Remains Firm.

Settlement of the harbor strike was pushed off the tables of compromise again yesterday. Marine workers employed on the Long Island Sound towing boats who went on strike with the other harbor workers a month ago unanimously rejected the proposals of the private boatowners for a compromise of their demands.

Thomas L. Delahanty, president of the Marine Workers Affiliation, notified A. H. Smith, Regional Director, United States Railroad Administration, that he would not recede from his stand on the practice of railroad tug towing coal and grain barges owned by concerns the strikers were fighting. As a result of the strikers' refusal to allow railroad crews to tow these boats, 100 barges are idle, and the railroad is paying \$10 a day demurrage on each.

BRITAIN SPEEDS MUSTER OUT.

Almost to Limit of Troops in  
France, Says Cecil.

LONDON, April 9.—British demobilization in France has progressed with remarkable rapidity, said Lord Robert Cecil in the House of Commons to-day. "We are now near the limit fixed for the army there during the occupation period," he said.

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## BARNARD'S GREEK GAMES SATURDAY

Maidens to Dance and Compete  
Under Critical Eye of Prominent Judges.

Dwellers on Morningside Heights rubbed their eyes this week and gazed in surprise at the strange preparations going on at the college across the way. The Isles of Greece will live again at Barnard College Saturday afternoon, and meanwhile mighty athletes hurl the discus, Greek maidens in many hued flowing draperies perform interpretative dances and gayly painted war chariots roll thunderingly about the halls.

Greek games originated in 1903, when the sophomore class of that year in a spirit of fun challenged the freshmen to a contest in interpretative dancing and athletics. Since that day Greek games have become the highest annual event, and the one for which Barnard is most noted. All the material is original, from the Greek dance music to the brilliant costumes, and each member of the freshman and sophomore classes has a definite place in the performance. Men and women prominent in artistic circles are asked to judge the events.

This year Greek games will be held for the benefit of American soldiers permanently blinded in the war. Among the judges are Adelphi Bohm, whose work is well known to all interested in the dance; Miss Marguerite Heaton and Miss Adelaide Colby for the dance. Those who will award the laurel wreath for music are John Dyneley Prince, David Blipham and Tertius Noble. Lyrics will be judged by Louis Untermyer, Paul Elmer More and Harrison Steves, and their reading by Miss Henrietta Prentiss and Franklin H. Sargent.

The winners of the costumes, which have been designed in the true Greek spirit, will be decided by Miss Grace McCurdy, Mrs. Emily Putnam and Mrs. Leslie Shear. Miss Eleanor Goss, a prominent figure in the women's national tennis tournament, will be one of the judges of athletics. Others will be Miss Florence Stuart, Miss Bernadine Yunch, Miss Isabel Greenbaum of the class of 1918, Miss Rosemary Lawrence, 1917, and Miss Gladys Pearson, 1916.

The student committees are headed by Miss Frances Swan Brown and Miss Katherine Coffey of the classes of 1921 and 1922 respectively. Others on the central committees are the Misses Leonora Andrews, Aldine Carter, Mary Granger, Gertrude Schoeller, Lucy Leaton, Dorothy McGraw and Evelyn Orna. Miss Anne Schmidt and Miss Madeleine Lehman are in charge of the dance.

Miss Olive Riley and Miss Bertha Kraus have designed the costumes, the Misses Frances Cooke and Edith Shearn have the lyric committees and music is under the direction of Miss Gertrude Bendheim and Miss Isabel Straut. Miss Juliet Clark and Miss Helen Mack are in charge of athletics. The games are under the supervision of Miss Bird Larson of the department of physical education.

THE New Easter  
HANDBAGS

Are Smart  
For Art's Sake

FOLLOWING the lead of so many purely utilitarian articles, they have incorporated the utilitarian idea in decorative form.

Though more conveniently fitted, more spacious, in some instances, than ever before—it is on the beauty of the outside covering that designers have concentrated their efforts.

With this modern emancipation of the handbag has come an increased importance to the ensemble of the costume.

Handbags used to be chosen for their interiors—to-day they are chosen for their exteriors.

"The Parisian touch," that indescribable something that was nearly always an ultra-refinement of detail, has been learned by American manufacturers.

The linings of bags are put in with great care. They are worthy of the bag's beautiful exterior.

Some new frames provide for a tiny change purse on the outside of the bag, so that it need not be opened for carfare. Reproductions of old Dutch Silver designs rival the originals. Celluloid frames imitating shell, amber, etc., are distinctively used—a few are painted to resemble enamel inlay. Jeweled corners adorn some of the metal frames.

The Bead Bags

Domestic—These are chiefly notable for their unique design. Scenes that resemble marvelous stage settings are pictured, as well as the floral and geometric designs. Bead bags on frames are now as roomy and practical as silk or leather bags.

The Silk Bags

are fashioned of tricolette, fancy and antique moire, and duvetyn. Most original styles are shown; rarely are two of the more expensive bags found alike.

Some duvetyn bags are batik dyed in scenes that depict the war-country. Chateau Thierry, Ypres, Rheims and Louvain are shown—the colors are marvelously subtle.

The Glove Mocha Bags

comprise a collection in which we take considerable pride. Mocha of exquisitely soft quality has been used; the best colors are mouse, chamois and a rich chocolate brown. A particularly lovely bag is mouse color with a blue and violet frame. A real color symphony.

In this Easter collection of several hundred bags we believe you will find every one not only moderately priced, but actually lower priced than you expected.